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"Application to Toxicology"

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Why have an NCT?

The rapid development of genomic technologies provides an unprecedented opportunity to address highly intractable problems of toxicology and environmental health.

- The value of surrogate models for prediction of human health risk
- Identify biomarkers of incipient adverse effects
- ➤ Harness the results of diverse research efforts for the collective benefit
- Provide a rational basis for risk assessment
- Facilitate the identification of specific susceptibility polymorphisms



What are the Goals of the NCT?

Apply gene expression technology to toxicology.

- Identify signature patterns of exposure
- Identify signature patterns of specific adverse effects (acute toxicity)
- Identify biomarkers of toxicity

Apply gene expression technology to:

- Facilitate discovery toxicology
- Facilitate hypothesis based studies

Apply gene expression data to the development of a knowledge base of Chemical Effects in Biological Systems (CEBS)



A Strategy for Toxicogenomics

Short-term Goals

Predictive Assays

- Signature patterns of exposure
- Signature patterns of adverse effects
- Proteomic analysis
- Biomarker identification

Long-term Goals

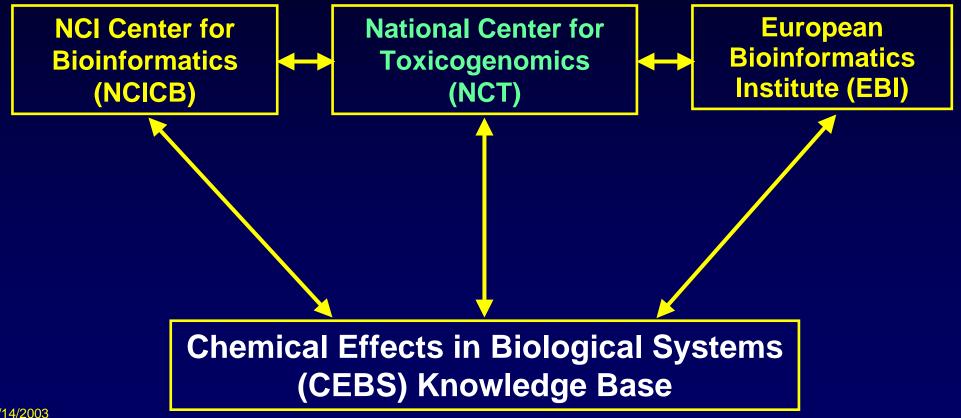
Knowledge Base

- Gene expression database
- Analysis tools (informatics)
- Query tools
- Relational interfaces and annotation



Partnerships in Knowledge Base Development

Coordinated Planning, Common Database Standards



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